Agro-parks for preventing wastage of agricultural produce

2277. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 35-40 per cent of agro-produce is wasted every year to due to non-availability of proper infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details of agro-parks available presently in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have approved 45 agro-parks, so far, out of which only nine agro-parks are functioning;

(d) if so, the detials thereof; and

(e) the details of financial assistance provided by Government to each agro-parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) In a study conducted by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection post harvest losses at producers' level have been estimated to be varying from 1.79 to 7.14 per cent for foodgrains and pulses and from 16.35 to 30.00 per cent in the case fruits and vegetables. The wastage depends on nature of produce, its shelf life, mode of transportation, packaging, processing, distance from the market, availability of infrastructure facilities like rural godowns and cold storage etc.

(b) to (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), the under its plan schemes provide financial assistance for overall development of food processing industries, including for setting up of Food Parks. Financial assistance is available @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in food parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The assistance is available to all implementing agencies including State Government undertakings, cooperative, private entities which come forward with viable proposals.

The aim of the scheme, amongst others, including reduction in wastages of perishable produce.

The projects are considered for assistance, based on complete and viable proposals received from various implementing agencies. The Government does not set up food parks on its own.

The Ministry has so far approved financial assistance to 54 Food parks of which 22 are deemed operational. The details alongwith financial assistance approved for the Food parks is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise Food Parks approved for assistance by MFPI

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Location of the Project	Approved MFPI grant
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kuppam, Dist.-Chittoor	400.00
2.	Assam	Chaygaon, Distt. Kamrup Hajipur,	350.00
3.	Bihar	District Vaishali	400.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	Vill: Teadesara, Distt.-Rajnandgaon Saha, Distt.-	400.00
5.	Haryana	Ambala	293.00
6.	Haryana	Rai, Distt.-Sonipat, Khunmoh, Distt.-	400.00
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar,	400.00
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Sopore, Baramulla	400.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir		346.00
10.	Karnataka	Malur, Distt.-Kolar,	400.00
11.	Karnataka	Bagalkot,	400.00
12.	Karnataka	Jevargi	400.00
13.	Kerala	Distt. Mallapuram, Aroor, Distt.-	400.00
14.	Kerala	Alappuzha, Mazhuvannur,	299.00
15.	Kerala	Ernakulam	200.00
16.	Kerala	Adoor	388.00
17.	Madhya Pradesh	Jaggakhedi, Distt.-Mandsaur, Nimrani, Distt.	381.83
18.	Madhya Pradesh	Khargone,	400.00

1	2	3	4
19.	Madhya Pradesh Madhya	Piparia, Babai, Distt.-Hoshangabad Borgaon,	400.00
20.	Pradesh	Distt. Chhindwara	400.00
21.	Madhya Pradesh	Malanpur, Ghirongi, District Bhind (M.P.)	400.00
22.	Madhya Pradesh	Maneri, Distt.-Mandla	400.00
23.	Maharashtra	Butibori, Distt. Nagpur	400.00
24.	Maharashtra	Vinchur, Distt. Nashik	400.00
25.	Maharashtra	Mouza Gumthala, Bhandara Road, Distt. Nagpur. Village Sangvi, Distt. Satara	400.00
27.	Maharashtra	Palus, Distt.-Sangli	400.00
28.	Maharashtra Maharashtra	Kapsi, Taluka Kamtee, Distt. Nagpur MIDC Industrial Area, Shendra, Aurangabad	397.50 400.00
29.	Manipur Manipur	Lamphelpat, Imphal Distt.-Ukhrul	400.00 400.00
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32.	Mizoram	Chhingchip, Bamunpukri,	382.00
33.	Nagaland	Dimapur Khurda	387.12
34.	Orissa		400.00
35.	Punjab Rajasthan	Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib Ranpur,	400.00
36.	Rajasthan	Distt. Kota, Boranada, District-Jodhpur Sri	283.70
37.	Rajasthan Tamil	Ganganagar Virudhunagar, Distt.-Madurai	387.77
38.	Nadu		227.89
39.			400.00
40.	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul District	325.00
41.	Tripura Uttar	Bodhjungnagar, West Tripura Ghaziabad	400.00
42.	Pradesh		395.00
43.	Uttar Pradesh	Kharkion, Distt.-Varanasi	400.00
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Shahajanwa, Gorakhpur	323.11

1	2	3	4
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Village Kushalipur, District Saharanpur.	400.00
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Kursi Road, Distt.-Barabanki	400.00
47.	West Bengal	Chakgaria, 24 Parganas (South)	400.00
48.	West Bengal	Dankuni, Distt. Hooghly	400.00
49.	West Bengal	Haldia District Midnapore.	400.00
50.	West Bengal	Sultanpur, South 24 Parganas	200.28
51.	West Bengal	Malda	387.00
52.	West Bengal	Shankarapur, Dist. Purba Medinipur	178.92
53.	West Bengal	Sankhrail, Howrah	400.00
54.	West Bengal	Murshidabad	379.88.

Agro-Policy for rain fed area

2278. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have no agro-policy for the rain fed areas;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to initiate an agro-policy for 60 per cent of rain fed agricultural lands; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The National Agricultural Policy 2000 addresses issues of sustainable agriculture which include watershed development in rainfed areas. As per this policy integrated and holistic development of rainfed areas has been given emphasis through conservation of rainwater by vegetative measures on watershed basis and augmentation of biomas production through agro and farm forestry with the involvement of the watershed community. The policy document also envisages a long term prospective plan for sustainable rainfed agriculture through watershed approach for development of two third of India's cropped area which is dependant on rains.